



# QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SUMMER 2003

## SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FY 03/04 BUDGET

A capacity crowd filled Sunnyvale City Council Chambers on June 17 as the Council met to adopt the FY 2003/2004 budget. As night turned to morning, the Council approved a \$199.4 million

budget, which is 4.03% less than the previous year. The new budget includes \$9,665,915 in operating reductions from various City departments. The measure passed by a 4 – 3 margin. Council also voted unanimously to impose a 90-day hold on layoffs proposed in the budget to allow the City's labor organizations time to offer alternative cost-saving proposals.

Sunnyvale's new budget will impact residents and businesses in a number of ways. The Parks and Recreation Department, for example, will reduce maintenance at Baylands Park and eliminate water features in neighborhood parks; reductions in the Public Works budget will result

in longer intervals between street sweepings and fewer traffic-calming studies. The public may also experience delays when contacting the City by telephone or when visiting the City's One-Stop counter. Other service impacts to the community are detailed on the City's Web site at

[www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/budget-plan](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/budget-plan).

The adoption of the FY 03/04 budget marked the culmination of one of the most difficult budgeting processes in City history. Already feeling the impact of the worst economic downturn in Silicon Valley since the Great Depression (as measured in job loss), the City was faced with significant increases in personnel costs and a continued decline in revenues. Those factors, coupled with a financial crisis at the state level, contributed to a structural deficit currently estimated at \$14.9 million annually for the next 20 years.

Unlike most public agencies, Sunnyvale focuses on long-term financial projections of revenue and expenses, annually adopting a fully balanced 10-year financial plan, as well as 20-year projections. For a time, Sunnyvale's robust system was able to weather the unprecedented financial turmoil while maintaining existing service levels. However, two assumptions included in the City's planning model — that expenditures would increase at or moderately above inflation, and that future state legislative actions would not compound the financial problem —

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### KEY SAVINGS FOR FY 03/04 BUDGET

Capital projects .....	\$1.8 million
Rental rates .....	\$1.9 million
Service reductions.....	\$8.5 million
Set-asides.....	\$1.3 million
Additional revenue from new and existing fees and charges.....	\$1.4 million

## SUNNYVALE MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT STATION OPENS

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Sunnyvale City staff, working alongside other local agencies, a new multi-modal transit station is now open in Sunnyvale. The station will serve Caltrain, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) buses and area shuttles.

The transit station, located at 295 West Evelyn Ave. in Sunnyvale, incorporates a five-story, 400-car parking structure, a Caltrain ticket office, surface parking and a shuttle plaza.

"Opening this new facility is an important step in Sunnyvale's Downtown development, said Mayor Julia Miller. "The station provides a gateway to Sunnyvale's shopping and entertainment center as well as providing important commuter access to Santa Clara County and the peninsula."

In addition to providing an accessible new multi-modal transit station, the Sunnyvale facility will also provide a contribution to cleaner air. Electric car charging stations have been

incorporated into the design of the garage. To honor this element of the design, electric cars were used to break the ribbon at the opening ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2003.

The Sunnyvale Multi-modal Transit Station is a Santa Clara County 1996 Measure B project and was jointly funded by the City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa Clara, VTA, Caltrain and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The project was begun in September 2001 and cost \$11,400,000, \$8.9 million of which came from 1996 Measure B funds. ☀

## THE SUNNYVALE WEB SITE HAS A NEW LOOK!

This July, the City of Sunnyvale will unveil its newly redesigned Web site at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

During the past several months, the Information Technology (IT) Department has been redesigning the City's site to deliver accurate and timely information more effectively to the Sunnyvale community. The IT Department led a project team consisting of representatives from each department in the City. Two community forums were held to gather input from the community in an effort to assist the City in the design.

The overall objectives of the redesign project were to:

- make the language on the site more user friendly;
- update the look and feel of the site which was originally designed in 1996;
- retain a "three-click rule," making all information accessible with no more than three mouse clicks; and
- create a consistent look and feel so users know they are still on Sunnyvale's Web site, while retaining the unique identity of each department.

The redesigned Web site also includes a new feature: an e-mail notification system. At the City Council's direction, this new feature

was added to enable users to request automatic e-mail notification when information is posted to the site. Visitors to the Web site will be directed to a log-in page where personal information such as a user name, first and last names, e-mail address and password are entered. Users are then asked to select one or more groups of interest. After signing up, users will receive an e-mail message telling them that they have been registered. Users can unsubscribe to the notification system at any time.

Please visit the City's Web site at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) in July to check out the new look and features. For more information, call (408) 730-7540. ☀



## CITY OF SUNNYVALE SUMMER, 2003

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## BUDGET ADOPTION

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failed to materialize.

Because of the new fiscal reality, Sunnyvale used a different approach in preparing the recommended FY 2003/2004 Budget, Ten-Year Resource Allocation Plan and Long-term Financial Plan. While the City was scheduled to focus solely on the Project Budget this year, the budget crisis dictated that the City undertake a comprehensive review of both the project and the operating budgets.

To that end, City Manager Robert LaSala created a six-point plan of action to address the economic emergency and restore the City's financial well-being. The plan addressed and reviewed the current capital projects plan; rental rate schedules and formulas; job recruitment and vacancies; in-lieu fees and inter-fund transfers; potential tax and fee increases; and reductions to services, levels of service and staffing.

"The overall intent of this plan," wrote LaSala, "is to establish a set of City services that are provided by a workforce that is sustainable for the foreseeable future." The plan also provides an implementation strategy aimed at minimizing the effects on existing employees.

Between February and June, the City held a series of public outreach meetings and special Council meetings to gather community input and reaction to proposed reductions in City services. Those meetings, coupled with staff and labor leadership input, helped the Council and the City Manager hone the budget to its final form.

In the process of crafting the final budget, all capital projects included in the current 10-year projects plan were examined to identify current or future projects that could be deleted, revised or deferred. A total of 68 capital and special projects were not recommended for funding, which would generate \$1.8 million annually toward closing the deficit.

Sunnyvale's rental rate and in-lieu schedules were also re-examined, and staff identified an estimated annual savings or recovery of \$500,000. This includes changes to the schedule for equipment replacement and to the current in-lieu allocation methodology. The operating reductions would contribute an additional \$1.4 million annual savings in rental rates.

Personnel vacancies and service level reductions were examined as another avenue for potential cost reductions. The resulting recommendations and new revenues are estimated to generate \$8.5 million annual savings for the General Fund.

Finally, the City Manager proposed fees that would generate approximately \$1.4 million in revenue toward closing the gap in the General Fund. Some of those fees were presented in the recommended budget as part of the fee schedule, while others will require further direction from the Council. To address the potential for increasing existing local taxes (such as the Business License Tax or the Transient Occupancy Tax) or establishing new taxes (such as a parcel tax) the Council formed a 17-member ad hoc advisory committee. The committee will make a recommendation to Council by July 1, 2003.

The full text of the City Manager's budget transmittal letter, including a discussion and detailed review of expenditures and revenues, can be found on the Finance page of the City's Web site at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). ☀

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK — APRIL 27 – MAY 3, 2003

*"Give a Hand to those who Lend a Hand"*

**N**ational Volunteer Week is a time to say "thank you" to the millions of people who change the world by volunteering. In the United States, nearly half of all adults (44 percent) volunteer. They contribute over 250 million hours per week, making a concrete difference in the lives of people and their communities. In Sunnyvale, National Volunteer Week began with a proclamation at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 29, and concluded with a reception to honor City volunteers on Tuesday, May 6, in the lobby of City Hall.

Sunnyvale's volunteers are bringing new skills to the City and the community and are taking on increasingly complex and specialized projects. In the current year, volunteers have:

- Worked on the business license renewal process for the Finance Department;
- Conducted a recycling survey for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department;
- Maintained the compact disc collection in the Library;
- Helped implement a new database in the Volunteer Office; and

- Responded to requests for help at City special events, community-wide service days, and mailing team projects

You can "Give a Hand to those who Lend a Hand" by thanking all the volunteers you know personally or by getting involved in your community as a volunteer. Find out more about becoming a volunteer at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) and click on Volunteering. You can also call Claire Garcia in the Volunteer Services division at (408) 730-7536. ☀

## 2003 HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR DRAWS RECORD CROWD

**A** record crowd of nearly 1,500 residents enjoyed the annual community Health and Safety Fair held at Columbia Neighborhood Center/Columbia Middle School. Hosted by Sunnyvale's Youth and Family Services Program, the Department of Public Safety and the Columbia Neighborhood Center, the colorful and entertaining event provided free health and safety information and services.

A special recognition is in order for the following community businesses and organizations whose financial and in-kind contributions were invaluable to the success of the 2003 Fair:

- Camino Medical Group
- El Camino Hospital
- Larry Hopkins Honda
- Le Boulanger
- Ruby's Taqueria
- Sun Flour Baking Company Cookies
- Sunnyvale Garden Club
- Sunnyvale Community Services Language Bank
- Several prize drawings added excitement to the day's events and were made possible by the generous contributions from the following businesses and organizations:
- American Diabetes Association
- Azureheart Structural Integration
- Bay Area Parent Magazine
- Cherry Chase Chiropractic Clinic
- Children's Discovery Museum

- Costco Sunnyvale
- Diane E. Casey, D.D.S.
- Fresh Choice — Sunnyvale
- Healthy Inspirations & Lean Teens
- Hobee's California Restaurants
- Homestead Chiropractic
- Hometown Buffet
- Humane Society Silicon Valley
- Jazzercise
- Maryse Aubert, D.D.S., M.A., Orthodontics
- Riley Chiropractic
- Silicon Valley Eye Physicians
- Social Advocates for Youth
- Stanford Blood Center
- Sunnyvale Art Club
- Support Network for Battered Women
- Tiny Tots Diaper Service
- University of East-West Medicine ☀



## SUNNYVALE SKATE PARK IS “COOL!”

Variations on the general theme of “It’s cool!” echoed throughout the day as skaters filled the new Sunnyvale Skate Park for a grand opening and teen music festival on May 3, 2003.

### “I’M COMING TO SUNNYVALE FROM NOW ON.”

Skaters of all experience levels came to enjoy the new park, which is divided into areas for varying abilities. Even novice skaters felt comfortable skating in the designated practice area. Parents of some of the beginner skaters said that they would definitely return with their children, noting their children’s confidence and skills had already improved in the short time they had spent at the park.

### “THE STREET FEATURES ROCK.”

Skaters ranged in age from eight to old-enough-not-to-want-to-tell. Zach, a 14-year-old skater on hand for the opening, said he was amazed that Sunnyvale Skate Park was bigger than other local parks, has more street features and is free. Another plus for skaters like Zach, who are members of the under-16 crowd, was the convenient location of the park. Since this age group still has to depend on others for rides, they were thrilled about having a new park in Sunnyvale. Many of the skaters said that before the Sunnyvale Skate Park was built, they had skated at VANS in Milpitas or Greer Park in Palo Alto.

### “THE COPING’S GREAT.”

The Phatty Patty Teen Music Festival, coordinated by Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Council (T.A.C.) added another dimension to the day’s celebration. This volunteer advisory group recruited and selected bands, planned a teen resource fair and publicized the event. Local bands, including Floorbound, In-balance, Sneaky Long and Morning Calling provided live entertainment.

### “I LIKE THE BOWL.”

The Sunnyvale Municipal Code requires skaters to wear helmets and elbow and kneepads. The park is open every day from 7 a.m. until sunset, and is for use by skateboarders, rollerskaters and in-line skaters. Bicycles are not allowed in the facility. 🌻

## NEW HOURS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDS UNIT

The Department of Public Safety Records Unit will change its public business hours as of Sunday, July 6.

The new regular business hours will be:

Monday – Friday	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sundays	Closed

The Public Safety Records Unit supports a variety of services for the citizens of Sunnyvale and other cities.

Some of the public services currently provided during regular business hours include:

- Handling requests for information for criminal and civil cases
- Accepting bail payments
- Warrant processing
- Answering basic law enforcement service-related questions

- Accepting payment for fees incurred for Public Safety services
- Processing licenses and permits for taxi franchises and drivers, massage establishments, adult business licenses, license to sell weapons permits, and peddler permits

- Providing fingerprint (LiveScan™) services for City employees

Public services that will continue to be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, are limited to the following:

- Vehicle Releases
- Warrant self-surrenders
- Accepting fees for emergency water service
- Processing 290 PC, 457 PC and 11590 H&S Registrations

For more information on any of these services, or to inquire about additional services that may be handled by the Records Unit, call (408) 730-7100 during regular business hours. 🌻

## WHAT’S COOL, ON THE MOVE, AND JUST FOR KIDS?

### Summer Fun On The Run!

This mobile youth services program, brought to you by the City of Sunnyvale’s Youth and Family Services Program, will include arts and crafts, board games, group activities and non-competitive sports designed for youth ages 6 – 14.

SUMMER FUN ON THE RUN! is coming to several neighborhoods one morning or one afternoon a week from June 23 through August 21.

This is a FREE drop-in program and a snack will be provided.

DAY	PROGRAM LOCATION	TIME
Mondays	Orchard Gardens Park	10 a.m. – noon
	Fairwood Park	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays	Plaza Del Rey Mobile	10 a.m. – noon
	Home Park (pending)	
Wednesdays	Columbia Park	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Vargas Elementary School	10 a.m. – noon
Thursdays	Serra Park	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Fair Oaks Park	10 a.m. – noon
	Ponderosa Park	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Please note that the above schedule is subject to change. Watch the local newspaper or visit the Youth and Family Services Web pages [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/neighborhood-community-services/youth](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/neighborhood-community-services/youth) for updated information.

For more information, contact Krystal Gaumont, Youth and Family Services Coordinator, at (408) 730-7743 or [kgaumont@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:kgaumont@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)

## WHAT THE HECK IS T.A.C.?

**T**.A.C., formally known as the Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Council, is a proactive group of dedicated Sunnyvale high school students who volunteer their time to help design Parks and Recreation programs for high school-aged teens. This was an fun and productive year for the group.

One of the biggest success stories this year was the opening of THE



CRASH! at the Fair Oaks Park Building. The T.A.C. teens, along with several enthusiastic and equally dedicated Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation staff members, turned the building into the place to crash with friends and to listen to live bands perform. It's a place created by high school teens just for high school teens. Check out [www.thecrashinsunnyvale.com](http://www.thecrashinsunnyvale.com) for

photos and information about upcoming shows.

T.A.C. members also volunteered at the Sunnyvale Community Services Christmas Center and Hands on the Arts, a multi-cultural art festival for kids. They hosted free after school barbecues for local high school students. And if that wasn't enough to keep these teens busy, T.A.C. hosted a Teen Resource Fair and planned, publicized, recruited and screened bands to perform at Phatty Patty, a music festival hosted in conjunction with the Sunnyvale Skate Park grand opening this past May.

The teens involved in T.A.C. represent four different high schools, and three different grade levels. The mission statement they developed pledged "to represent diverse teen voices and focus on enhancing the City by developing programs to link teens within the community." They put in many additional hours on weekday evenings and Saturdays making posters, working at events, creating flyers, giving feedback on The CRASH website and evaluating bands.

For many of these teens, T.A.C. was yet another rewarding experience in the Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation program. Some of them had taken swimming lessons and gone to camp when they were younger. Some were volunteers in recreation programs while in middle school. Several even work as recreation specialists in either

aquatics or camps during the summer. In addition to being T.A.C. members, almost all of the teens are involved in at least one other activity during the school year, from sports, to youth groups, to student government and part time jobs.

The City of Sunnyvale, and especially T.A.C. advisor Amalia Castelino and program assistant Rich Stephens, would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all of the amazing 2002–2003 T.A.C. members:

- Aneta Pariaszevski
- Dmitry Vulfovich
- Emily Salans
- Julie Hauser
- Lindsey Halford
- Loretta Castelino
- Melissa Junge
- Michelle Barton
- Shani Truong
- Vincente Delgado

A special thank you and congratulations to these graduating Seniors:

- Enosh Baker
- Joseph Spence
- Meg Friedman
- Rachel Kay

There are openings for the 2003–2004 school year T.A.C. If you are a Sunnyvale resident entering grades nine through 12 in the fall and are interested in applying for a position, please contact the T.A.C. advisor at (408) 730-7741. Completed applications are due by Wednesday, September 3, 2003. ☀

## SUNNYVALE FARMERS' MARKET

**I**f you haven't yet made it to the Sunnyvale Farmers' Market, you're missing out on a sweet slice of Americana.

Rain or shine, the finest in California world class farmers unload the world's best fruits and vegetables to sell to the discriminating buyer. Not only can you sample the goods, but you can ask these growers any questions regarding their unique varieties and how best to prepare them. We're talking about tree-ripened or vine-ripened, just-picked produce. There is simply no comparison to what you will typically find at the local supermarket chain stores. The difference is in the smell, the touch, the color and the taste, and there is no shortage of organic choices.

Urban Village Farmers' Market Association (UVFMA) partnered with KQED last September to write a monthly farmer profile for KQED's Web site. The Farmer-of-the-Month interviewed each month by Urban Village staff and profiled on the Web

site, includes photos of the local farm and farmer, along with history and personal stories.

"Most people have no idea what is involved in farming and the labor of love that these skilled technicians have for their work," said Ron Pardini, executive director of UVFMA. "We hope to educate the reader about the beauty of the small

family farm, introduce these

unique local farmers and their special products, and hopefully instill the importance of eating seasonal, locally grown produce. When we buy from the big stores that carry goods from Chile, Mexico or other places, we don't support these valuable,

local members of our community."

You can find the Farmer-of-the-Month profile at [www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org) under Home and How To then under Cooking. All of the featured farmers participate in Sunnyvale's Farmers' Market and other markets in the Bay Area.

The finest produce, colorful farmers, fresh breads and pastries, local crafts and the gentle sounds of



## SAVE THE DATE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

**Saturday, October 25, 2003  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Join Community Volunteers and Service Groups for the second annual Day of Service in Sunnyvale. Your school group, church group or business can have a great time while **making a difference** in Sunnyvale. Last year, teams built fencing, repainted basketball courts, pruned trees and laid jogging path surfaces and mulch at Sunnyvale Middle School, Columbia Middle School and the adjacent parks. For more information and to register yourself or your group, contact Romie Georgia, Volunteer Services Manager at (408) 730-7536 or e-mail her at [rgeorgia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:rgeorgia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

local musicians all harmonize together to bring us a cornucopia of earthly delights. What better way to enjoy yourself, your family, your neighbor and this special gathering of folks, than to step out each Saturday and become a part of this festive celebration at the Sunnyvale Farmers' Market? The market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Murphy Avenue between Washington and Evelyn Avenues in Sunnyvale. ☀

# SUNNYVALE DOWNTOWN MUSIC & MARKET

Are you ready for some great deals and great music? For the fourth year, the Sunnyvale Downtown Music & Market Series is coming to Murphy Avenue in downtown Sunnyvale. In addition to the great live music, you can enjoy flowers, arts and crafts and the freshest fruits and vegetables from local merchants. Presented by the Sunnyvale Downtown Association, the series is held every Wednesday from July 9 through September 10, running from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Sunnyvale Downtown Association at (408) 736-4971. 🌻

SCHEDULED BANDS	
JULY 9	THE JOE SHARINO BAND
JULY 16	BUSTA GROOVE
JULY 23	THE ALCATRAZ ANGELS JAZZ BAND
JULY 30	THE GROOVE KINGS
AUGUST 6	DAVID LADD DOWNTOWN ALLSTARS
AUGUST 13	THE HITMEN
AUGUST 20	SAGE
AUGUST 27	FRED MCCARTY & COMPANY
SEPTEMBER 3	THE SILICON VALLEY HOUSEROCKERS
SEPTEMBER 10	THE BLU CROCODILES

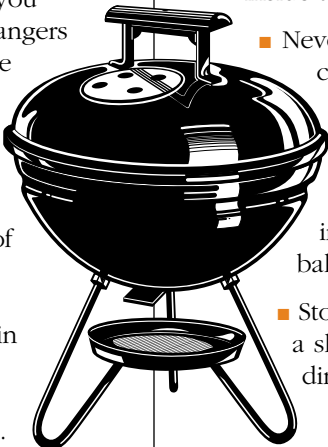
## SUMMER COOKING SAFETY

One of the great pleasures of summer is cooking and eating outdoors with family and friends. Grills and barbecues can be fun and provide delicious food but they can also be dangerous. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind.

### Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), when used to fire a home barbecue, is contained under pressure in a steel cylinder. Therefore, you should be aware of the dangers involved with LPG and the precautions that must be taken to avoid accidents.

- Do not transport LPG cylinders in the trunk of a passenger vehicle. A filled cylinder should always be transported in an upright position on the floor of a vehicle with all windows open.



- To make sure that connections are tight, apply a soapy solution to the fittings. If any bubbles are produced, there is a leak and the connections must be tightened further.
- Make sure that grease is not allowed to drip on the hose or cylinders.
- Never let children use a gas-fired barbecue.
- Never use a gas-fired barbecue inside any structure.
- Never store any Gas cylinder — either attached to the barbecue or as spare cylinders — inside any part of a structure, including porches and balconies.
- Store cylinders outdoors in a shaded cool area out of direct sunlight.

### Charcoal

Although charcoal may sound less dangerous than LP gas, it is just as necessary to take precautions in using charcoal.

- Never use charcoal barbecues in an enclosed space. Burning charcoal emits carbon monoxide gas, which — even in small quantities — can cause injury or death.
- Once a fire has been started, never add starter fluid. Fire may follow the stream of fluid back to the container, causing an explosion.
- Wet ashes thoroughly with water before emptying the barbecue.
- Just like with gas-fired grills, don't be tempted by a rainy day to use a charcoal grill inside — not even in a garage or on a porch or balcony.

Stay safe this summer, and here's hoping you enjoy outdoor eating in health, happiness, and good 🌻

## EL CAMINO HOSPITAL UPGRADES FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

Mountain View's El Camino Hospital, which is used by more than 50,000 Sunnyvale residents last year, is making some major plans for the future. Because of a new California law requiring all hospitals to upgrade their facilities to meet new strict earthquake standards, El Camino Hospital must replace its oldest buildings. The law states that hospitals need to be able to remain open and in operation in the event of a major earthquake. Those that cannot meet those standards would have to close. When complete, about five to six years from now, El Camino Hospital's new campus will meet the new state seismic safety standards and offer increased capabilities for responding

to the urgent and emergency medical health care needs of the community.

**Did you know?**

- Since the El Camino Hospital District was formed in 1957, the hospital has been the primary provider of medical and emergency medical services for the community.
- The El Camino Hospital District consists of zip codes in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and Cupertino. The total population of the district is approximately 295,000.
- Two Sunnyvale zip codes are in the district: 94086 and 94087. The population in those two zip codes is approximately 98,000.

- Of the approximate 18,000 inpatient visits to the hospital last year, 5,000 were from Sunnyvale residents. Of the approximately 200,000 outpatient visits, 50,000 were from Sunnyvale.
- El Camino is the closest emergency service provider for the 295,000 people in the district. Its fully staffed emergency services are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can be reached in 10 minutes by most residents in our community.
- More than 30,000 people a year are treated at El Camino Hospital's emergency department. More than 7,500 of those are from Sunnyvale. 🌻



## IS THERE MERCURY LURKING IN YOUR HOME?

**B**ecause of its unique physical properties, mercury is used in thermometers, thermostats, vehicle light switches, fluorescent lights and some items such as antique toy drawing screens and pre-1997 light-up sneakers. Each year in the Bay Area, 13 million fluorescent lamps are disposed of. You can help keep mercury out of the Bay by recycling burned-out fluorescent lights and other household items containing mercury.

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin that can affect the brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver. While children are the most susceptible to the effects of mercury, the substance can also impair fetal development, preventing the brain and nervous system from developing normally. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a nationwide consumer advisory that children, nursing mothers and women who may become pregnant should not eat shark, swordfish, king

mackerel or ocean whitefish because of their mercury content. Also, due to mercury contamination in the San Francisco Bay, adults should eat no more than two Bay fish per month.

### How Can You Help?

- **Replace Your Mercury Fever Thermometers** — The standards for accuracy are the same for mercury and non-mercury alternatives, including digital and glass thermometers. In 2002, the State of California made it illegal to distribute or sell mercury thermometers. Glass thermometers now must use either alcohol or a mix of gallium, indium and tin instead of mercury.
- **Recycle Your Household Items** — Recovering mercury from old fluorescent lights, thermometers and thermostats means less new mercury needs to be mined, and as a result less potential mercury will wind up in our air and water.

Call (408) 299-7300 or visit [www.bhw.org](http://www.bhw.org) to find out more about a local collection event or center near you.

- **Mercury Spill at Home** — If you spill mercury in your home, turn off your heating or air conditioning and ventilate the room to the outdoors. Avoid touching the mercury with your bare hands and do not vacuum the spill. Using a medicine dropper, collect the mercury and place it and the dropper in an airtight container. Take the container to your local household hazardous waste facility or collection event.

By protecting the watershed, creeks and Bay, you are protecting the environment for yourself, your children and future generations. For more information about how to protect your local watershed, call (866) WATERSHED or visit [www.watershedwatch.net](http://www.watershedwatch.net) for your free Watershed Watch Kit. 🌱

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATES SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

**T**he City of Sunnyvale invites you to Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party by celebrating National Night Out's 20th Anniversary. Host a community gathering in your neighborhood and/or...join other Sunnyvale neighbors at the citywide event on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at Murphy Park from 7 – 9 p.m.

The event will feature free hotdogs, balloons, ice cream, patrol car and fire truck tours, various community information booths and information on starting a neighborhood association in your neighborhood!

National Night Out is an organized effort to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, increase neighborhood spirit, develop police-community partnerships and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are prepared to fight back!

This year, more than 33 million people nationwide are expected to participate in this event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. For more information contact Mariana Alvarez, Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 730-7117. More information about National Night Out is available by calling National Association of Town Watch at (610) 649-7055 or visiting its web site at [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org). 🌱

## IMAGINATION CONTEST

**W**hat will life be like in 2028? The City of Sunnyvale is sponsoring a contest for local grade school students to find out what they think the future may hold. Sunnyvale's Imagination Contest is being held in conjunction with the dedication and grand opening of Sunnyvale's new Senior Center on July 19. The task force overseeing the grand opening will select the winner from each of three grade-based entry categories (first and second combined, third and fourth combined, and fifth and sixth combined). Students are invited to use their imagination to complete the sentence, "In 25 years, I think Sunnyvale will be . . ."

The winning entries will be read during the dedication ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center's new home at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. They will also be placed in the time capsule that will be sealed on site at the new Senior Center. The time capsule will be opened in 25 years.

"The Senior Center that we dedicate this year will be used by many generations to come," said Sonya Lee, chairperson for the senior center grand opening. "Imagination is one thing that all generations share. What better way to demonstrate how a single building can tie a community together?"

Entry forms may be obtained from the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, the Sunnyvale Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. or online at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recreation](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recreation). Complete contest guidelines are printed on the entry form.

Students and their families, along with all members of the Sunnyvale community, are encouraged to attend the grand opening and dedication of the new Senior Center. Festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, live music and a fair highlighting the many senior services offered by the new center.

For more information, please call the Sunnyvale Community Center at (408) 730-7350. 🌱

## INVITE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS OR STAFF TO ATTEND YOUR MEETING

Did you know that members of the Sunnyvale City Council and City staff are available to attend your neighborhood or community association meeting to discuss City and neighborhood issues?

If you would like to have councilmembers or staff attend one of your organization's upcoming meetings, please contact Community Outreach Coordinator Peter Bassett by phone at (408) 730-7739 or by e-mail at [pbassett@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:pbassett@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

KEY		
CC	=	Council Chambers
WCR	=	West Conference Room
CCB	=	Community Center Boardroom
GCR	=	Garden Conference Room

Meeting and Event times and locations are subject to change.

PUBLIC MEETINGS —  
City Council, Boards and Commissions

**Public Meetings Calendar**  
*July 1, 2003 - September 30, 2003*  
The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (study sessions are normally held at 6:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting), Board and Commission meetings, and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times listed, contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at (408) 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN (Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m.

**CITY HOLIDAYS**  
**City Hall Closed**  
*July 4, Fourth of July Holiday*  
*September 1, Labor Day*

**CITY COUNCIL**  
*7:30 p.m., CC*  
*July 15, 22 (1, 9, 20 Canceled)*  
*August 12, 19, 26 (5 Canceled)*  
*September 16, 23, 30 (1, 9 Canceled)*

**BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**  
**Arts Commission, 7 p.m., WCR**  
*July 16*  
*August 20*  
*September 17*

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., WCR**  
*July 17*  
*August 21*  
*September 18*

**Board of Building Code Appeals, 7 p.m., CC**  
Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

**Board of Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., CC**  
*July 7*  
*August 4*  
*September 8*

**Child Care Advisory Board, 1 p.m., WCR**  
Meetings are held quarterly only when needed. For more information call (408) 730-7608.

**Heritage Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., WCR**  
*August 6*

**Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m., WCR**  
*July 23*  
*August 27*  
*September 24*

**Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., CC**  
*July 9*  
*August 13, 27*  
*September 10, 24*

**Personnel Board, 5 p.m., CC**  
*July 21*  
*August 18*  
*September 15*

**Planning Commission, 8 p.m., CC (Study Sessions, 7-8 p.m., WCR)**  
*July 14, 28*  
*August 11, 25*  
*September 8, 22*

LEISURE ACTIVITIES —  
Theater, Arts, Recreation

**Leisure Activities Calendar**  
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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
**4th of July Star Spangled Event**  
*Friday, July 4, 2003*  
Baylands Park  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
For more information call (408) 730-7350

**Senior Center Grand Opening**  
*Saturday, July 19, 2003*  
New Senior Center  
550 East Remington Drive  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
For more information call (408) 730-7360

**National Night Out**  
*Tuesday, August 5, 2003*  
Murphy Park  
236 North Sunnyvale Ave.  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
For more information cal (408) 730-7140

**Senior Center Health Fair**  
*Friday, September 12, 2003*  
Senior Center  
550 East Remington Ave.  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
For more information call (408) 730-7360

**International Street Faire**  
*Saturday, September 20, 2003*  
Olive Ave. (Civic Center Complex)  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
For more information call (408) 730-7350

SUNNYVALE THEATER PRODUCTIONS

**California Theater Center Summer Rep 2003**  
Performance Times: Wednesday – Saturday 8 p.m. (and some Saturday 4 p.m. matinees) Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (2 p.m. showing includes a discussion with actors following the performance) Call (408) 720-0873 for tickets and information.

*June 5 - July 27*  
Comic Potential, The Miser, Lost In Hollywood, Art

**Sunnyvale Community Players**  
For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-7026.

*September 12 - October 5*  
Bye, Bye Birdie

SUNNYVALE LIBRARY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**2003 Kids Summer Reading Program**  
Register at the Children's Information Desk Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, August 3, 2003 or on the Sunnyvale Library Bookmobile between June 24 and July 31. Join the Winners' Circle — Read! is for children ages 3 and older. Read 10 or more books and receive one free paperback book. Children not yet reading may count books read to them.  
Pick up a free book at the Library between Monday, August 4 and Sunday, September 7, or on the Bookmobile between August 5 and August 21. Thanks to the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library for funding the summer programs and book prizes. For more information or to receive a Bookmobile schedule call (408) 730-7292.

**Summer Programs for Kids**  
All programs are free and are held in the Program Room at the Sunnyvale Public Library. Except for Wildlife Associates on July 24, all Thursday programs are for children ages 3 and older. As space may be limited at some programs, organized groups must make arrangements in advance with Children's Services. For more information call (408) 730-7292.

**Greta Pedersen, Singer & Storyteller, Songs of Many Lands**  
*Thursday, July 3*  
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

**Yolanda Rhodes, Storyteller**  
*Thursday, July 10*  
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

**Bubble Blast, Science Fun With Bubbles**  
*Thursday, July 17*  
2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**Stuffed Animal Pet Show – Children Ages 3 – 5**  
*Thursday, July 24*  
11 a.m.

**Wildlife Associates – Predators and Their Prey**  
An educational live animal program for children ages 5 and older ONLY  
*Thursday, July 31*  
2 p.m.

**Toy Stories — Stories and a Craft**  
*Thursday, August 7*  
2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**Puppet Show**  
Presented by the Library Puppeteers  
*Thursday, August 14*  
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

**Summer Storytimes 2003**  
All programs are free and are held in the Library Program Room of the Sunnyvale Public Library. For more information call (408) 730-7292.

**Mother Goose Time**  
A 20-minute lap-sit program of rhymes and songs for children 6 to 16 months old  
*Mondays, July 21, August 18*  
11 a.m.

**Toddler Storytime**  
For children ages 2 and 3 with a parent or caregiver  
*Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, August 5*  
11a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

**Stories in the Shade**  
Sunnyvale Community Center Michelangelo near Remington. For children of all ages.  
*Tuesdays, July 1, 15 & 29, August 12*  
2:45 p.m — Near the Bookmobile.

**Preschool Storytime**  
For children ages 3, 4, and 5 with a parent or caregiver  
Wednesdays, July 9 & 23, August 6  
*11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.*

**Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe**  
Bilingual Storytime for Children For children of all ages  
*Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, August 6* 2 p.m.  
Riviera Apartments at Morse & Ahwanee Avenues, Sunnyvale

SUNNYVALE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets in the Program Room of the Library one Thursday night a month at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie Dai**  
*Thursday, July 17*  
Two young men weather years of banishment during China's Cultural Revolution, relying on the power of literature to free the mind.

**Atonement by Ian McEwan**  
*Thursday, August 21*  
A terrible misunderstanding changes the lives of half a dozen people in an upper-middle-class country home on a hot English summer's day.

**Empire Falls by Richard Russo**  
*Thursday, September 18*  
A sensitive, endearingly oddball portrait of life in a small mill town in central Maine whose best days are past.

RECYCLING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**Compost Workshop**  
Sunnyvale Community Center — Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon  
Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before.  
For more information call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262.

*July 12*  
*August 9*  
*September 13*

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off**  
Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
For more information call (408) 730-7262.

*July 19*  
*August 16*  
*September 20*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAKE-UPS AND MIXERS

**Wake-Up Sunnyvale**  
Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month from 7:30a.m.-8:45a.m.. The cost is \$15 for Chamber members, \$18 for non-members and \$20 for anyone without a reservation. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Chamber at (408) 736-4971

*July 10,*  
Fair Oaks West Apartments, 655 South Fair Oaks Ave.

*August 14,*  
Radisson Inn Sunnyvale, 1085 East El Camino Real  
*September 11,*  
Radisson Inn Sunnyvale, 1085 East El Camino Real

**Business Mixers**  
Evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month from 5p.m.-7p.m.. Cost is free to chamber members, \$15 for guests. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Chamber at (408) 736-4971.

*July 24,*  
Stoddards Brewhouse & Eatery, 111 South Murphy St.  
*August 28,*  
Faz Restaurant & Catering, 1108 North Mathilda Ave.

*September 25,*  
The Grand Hotel, 865 West El Camino Real

ONGOING EVENTS

**Fun On The Run**  
City of Sunnyvale's Mobile Activities Program  
FREE! Just drop in. Arts & crafts, games, and sports.  
Youth ages 6 – 14  
Fairwood Elementary School  
Mondays, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
For more information contact: Krystal Gaumont at (408) 730-7743

**Family and Child Network Meetings**  
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.  
For more information contact IrisAnn Nelson at (408) 733-4828 or Bobbie Martin at (408) 746-0336

**Water Pollution Plant Tours**  
Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour, or for more information call (408) 730-7717

**Community Calendar On-Line**  
*<http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/community-calendar/index.htm>*

COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

*July 1, 2003 - September 30, 2003*  
For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the organization listed.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley**  
Weekly Meetings, Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the Lookout Inn, 605 Macara, Sunnyvale (Municipal Golf Course)  
Kiwanis is an International Organization (see *[www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)*)  
Call (408) 774-0609.

**SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda)**  
Meets the first Thursday of each month  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Columbia Middle School  
Teacher's Lounge  
739 Morse Avenue, Sunnyvale

**Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings**  
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at Fairwood School or Lakewood School — visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association web site for locations at *[www.lvna.net](http://www.lvna.net)*  
For more information, please email Phyllis Murphy at *[sbts2@aol.com](mailto:sbts2@aol.com)*

**Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings**  
All meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave.  
For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.

**San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings**  
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Avenue. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.

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